



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**APR 2 2009**

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor  
Post Office Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Perry:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 2009, regarding your recommendation on the designations for the State of Texas under the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standard.

Later this year we will notify you on areas we propose to designate as attainment, nonattainment or unclassifiable for the 2008 ozone standard. The Clean Air Act defines an area as nonattainment if it violates a national ambient air quality standard or if it contributes to a violation in a nearby area.

We appreciate the work of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to protect the environment and look forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any questions regarding area designations for ozone, please contact me at (214) 665-2100 or have your staff contact Carl Young of my staff at (214) 665-6645.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. E. Starfield".

Lawrence E. Starfield  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Buddy Garcia, Chairman  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality